

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 96 public bills, H.R. 3355–3450; 1 private bill, H.R. 3451; and 12 resolutions, H.J. Res. 48; H. Con. Res. 202; and H. Res. 609–612, 616–621; were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2786, to reauthorize the programs for housing assistance for Native Americans (H. Rept. 110–295);

H.R. 2337, to promote energy policy reforms and public accountability, alternative energy and efficiency, and carbon capture and climate change mitigation, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–296, Pt. 1);

H.R. 2635, to reduce the Federal Government's contribution to global warming through measures that promote efficiency in the Federal Government's management and operations, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–297, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 613, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 110–298);

H. Res. 614, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 110–299);

H. Res. 615, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3221) moving the United States toward greater energy independence and security, developing innovative new technologies, reducing carbon emissions, creating green jobs, protecting consumers, increasing clean renewable energy production, and modernizing our energy infrastructure, and for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2776) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the production of renewable energy and energy conservation (H. Rept. 110–300);

H.R. 1933, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to reauthorize and improve the carbon capture and storage research, development, and demonstration program of the Department of Energy, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–301);

H.R. 2773, to enhance research, development, demonstration, and commercial application of biofuels related technologies, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–302);

H.R. 2774, to support the research, development, and commercial application of solar energy technologies, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–303);

H.R. 3236, to promote greater energy efficiency (H. Rept. 110–304, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3237, to facilitate the transition to a smart electricity grid (H. Rept. 110–305, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3238, to promote the development of renewable fuels infrastructure (H. Rept. 110–306, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3239, to promote advanced plug-in hybrid vehicles and vehicle components (H. Rept. 110–307, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3240, to enhance availability of critical energy information (H. Rept. 110–308); and

H.R. 3241, to clarify the amount of loans to be guaranteed under title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (H. Rept. 110–309, Pt. 1). **Page H9704**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Murtha to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H9659**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yeas-and-nays vote of 216 yeas to 199 nays, Roll No. 820. **Pages H9659, H9681–82**

Privileged Resolution: The House agreed by unanimous consent to withdraw H. Res. 609, relating to a question of the privileges of the House.

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:46 a.m. and reconvened at 1:18 p.m. **Page H9663**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:46 p.m. and reconvened at 4:00 p.m. **Page H9671**

Motion to Adjourn: Agreed by unanimous consent to vacate the vote on the Wilson (NM) motion to adjourn. **Pages H9668–71**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Hoekstra motion to adjourn by a yeas-and-nays vote of 180 yeas to 237 nays, Roll No. 817. **Page H9672**

Providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules: The House agreed to H. Res. 600, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 228 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 818. **Pages H9663–68, H9671–75**

Agreed to the Hastings (FL) amendment to the rule by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question. **Pages H9674–75**

Suspension: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Authorizing additional funds for emergency repairs and reconstruction of the Interstate I–35 bridge located in Minneapolis, Minnesota that collapsed on August 1, 2007: H.R. 3311, amended, to authorize additional funds for emergency repairs and reconstruction of the Interstate I–35 bridge located in Minneapolis, Minnesota, that collapsed on August 1, 2007 and to waive the \$100,000,000 limitation on emergency relief funds for those emergency repairs and reconstruction, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 421 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 819.

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Privileged Resolution: On a division of the question of H. Res. 611, relating to a question of the

privileges of the House, the House agreed to the resolution by voice vote. Subsequently, the House failed to agree to the preamble by voice vote.

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Suspension—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Amending the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to establish a procedure for authorizing certain electronic surveillance: H.R. 3356, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to establish a procedure for authorizing certain electronic surveillance, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 207 noes, Roll No. 821. Pages H9685–95

Privileged Resolution: The House agreed to table H. Res. 612, raising a question of the privileges of the House, by a yeas-and-nay vote of 211 yeas to 178 nays, with 12 voting “present”, Roll No. 822.

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Motion to Adjourn: Agreed to the Castor motion to adjourn by a yeas-and-nay vote of 270 yeas to 121 nays, Roll No. 823.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H9671.

Senate Referrals: S. 1983 was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and S. 775 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven yeas-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9672, H9675, H9681, H9681–82, H9695, H9696, and H9697.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H9696–97.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

Committee Meetings

GAO DISTRICT WORK PERIOD REQUESTS

Committee on House Administration: Election Task Force met and adopted a motion that the Chairman be authorized and directed to consult the Task Force by teleconference or other appropriate means to consider any GAO request received during the district work period and determined by the Chairman to require Task Force concurrence. For the purpose of consultation, as described in this motion, all members of the Task Force must be in simultaneous contact.

Prior to this action, the Task Force met to receive a GAO briefing on the status of the Investigation into the FL–13th Congressional District Contested Election. The Task Force was briefed by Naba Barkakati, Senior Level Technologist, Center for Technology and Engineering Applied Research and Methods, GAO.

PRIVATE RELIEF BILLS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law met and approved a motion to request Department of Homeland Security Departmental Reports on the Beneficiaries of certain private bills.

NEW DIRECTION FOR ENERGY INDEPENDENCE, NATIONAL SECURITY, AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT; RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY CONSERVATION TAX ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 9 to 0, a resolution providing for consideration of the bill H.R. 3221, the “New Direction for Energy Independence, National Security, and Consumer Protection Act,” and the bill H.R. 2776, the “Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act of 2007”.

The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 3221 under a structured rule. All points of order against consideration of the bill, except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI, are waived. The rule provides two hours of general debate with 15 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of each of the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Natural Resources, Science and Technology, Transportation and Infrastructure, Education and Labor, Foreign Affairs, Small Business, and Oversight and Government Reform. The rule provides that the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of further amendment and shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived.

The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report and waives all points of order against such amendments except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. Amendments so printed may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule provides one motion to recommit H.R. 3221 with or without instructions.

The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 2776 under a closed rule. All points of order against consideration of the bill, except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI, are waived. The rule provides that the substitute amendment recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted and that the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of